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Abstract:

This research effort belongs to the general area of distributed learning, and the control and coordination of multiple and single agent systems, and is led by Dr. Martinez and Dr. Krstic at UC San Diego. The work has particular impact on the development of a theory of autonomy science, which accounts for both the aspects of resilience under adversaries, and learning via extremum seeking, and distributed optimization techniques. During this period, several theoretical advancements as well as applications have been carried out, which are summarized as follows.

Research Results:

Dr. Martinez's effort focuses on the analysis and design of robust (multi-)agent coordination algorithms subject to failure and adversarial action. The agents can represent miscellaneous autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles that are remotely controlled by operators. These groups can be subject to attacks from other external agents leading to complex networked adversarial settings. Attacks and malicious actions considered include Denial-of-Service (DoS), replay, and man in the middle attacks, eavesdropping and privacy violation, and, more recently, virus spreading. In addition to this, work to advance the state of the art in multi-agent systems has been continued.

Technical Results:

- 1. A set of novel algorithms based on receding-horizon control and distributed parameter learning for the robust coordination of multi-agent systems. A study of the tradeoffs in costs/effort of the algorithms under the following set of assumptions have been considered: (a) unknown adversaries introducing on/off disturbances to the system (e.g. denial of service), (b) partially known adversary, which modifies the control commands to a certain extent; however, the operator can exploit this model to learn the adversary, (c) the adversarial action aims to reconstruct the whole multi-agent system objective and control commands.
- 2. Novel time-triggered, event-triggered, and receding-horizon-based control laws for remote system operation under DoS pulse-width modulated systems. By means of parameter tuning that learns the characteristics of the DoS signal, event-triggering and time-triggering controls for a linear system are derived.
- 3. Privacy preserving coordination algorithms for multi-agent systems. Consensus algorithms that do not require agents to exchange state information, but secondary variables which do not allow for the reconstruction of the agents' states by an eavesdropping agent, are devised.
- 4. Robust coordination (consensus) of multi-agent systems when these are subject to outlier measurements. This is based on dynamic consensus algorithms combined

- with RANSAC, which is a 'voting strategy' widely used in computer vision and that allows to deal with more than 50% outliers.
- 5. Coordination (consensus and distributed optimization) of multi-agent systems using event-triggered control. We studied problems of dynamic average consensus and a class of unconstrained continuous-time optimization algorithms for the coordination of multiple agents.
- 6. Virus spreading mitigation distributed optimization algorithms over computer/robotic networks. We have produced a variety of discrete-time and distributed optimization algorithms that can be used by a multi-operator group to decide on an optimal resource allocation subject to constraints and eradicate a virus spreading over a network. These algorithms have various robust features (such as robustness to initialization.)

We mention the following work under review, on subjects that are more related to the general topics of distributed learning, and optimization, in GPS denied environments:

- 1. Distributed and discrete-time convex optimization algorithms subject for unknown cost functions. This work, which is to appear, is similar to simultaneous perturbation stochastic approximation (SPSA), but based on recent theory of stochastic hybrid systems, and building on the discrete-time optimization algorithms of (6.) above. Thus, it does not have the limitations of SPSA such as diminishing step sizes.
- 2. Control of single agents in GPS denied environments with obstacles but via an adaptation of the SPSA techniques. Similar techniques as above can be applied for a wheeled-robot to reach the maximum of a convex cost function using projections to handle obstacles.

We report 33 publications referred publications resulting from the grant for the period of performance; see the file 'publications-afosr.pdf' for more information.

Over the period of this grant, Co-PI **Dr. Krstic** has achieved several advances in extremum seeking described as follows:

Applications:

- 1. Extremum seeking has been established as one of the powerful methodologies for navigating autonomous vehicles in GPS-denied environments and several publications are reported below where advances in "source seeking" for single vehicles and groups of vehicles are presented. For example, an application to GPS-denied swarms of autonomous vehicles has been developed using stochastic extremum seeking, where the vehicles, starting from *distinct* and arbitrary positions, congregate to the source, while being fed a common (*indistinct*) control input.
- 2. Maximization of UAV endurance via using air turbulence with extremum seekings is also achieved in one of the publications below. Extremum seeking has

- also been demonstrated on maximum power point tracking for photovoltaic arrays and for wind turbines.
- 3. ES has recently been implemented on the Mars Rover Curiosity and, as of May 2015, is used for the focusing of the ChemCam instrument which performs chemical testing of rocks at a distance by shining a laser beam, vaporizing, the rock surface, and focusing the reflection using a mirror back to a camera, with the help of extremum seeking, with the image subsequently being used in the chemical analysis of the rock.
- 4. Extremum seeking has also been implemented as the enabling technology in extreme ultraviolet light sources on ASML-Cymer silicon wafer scanners. This technology reduces the feature sizes of transistors on microchips by 4-10 times compared to previous technologies. Eight such units, at the price of \$100 million per unit, have been delivered to semiconductor fabs in Taiwan and China and running since 2014.
- 5. Extremum seeking has also been implemented on a kilometer-long accelerator at the Los Alamos National Laboratory for optimizing the high voltage converter modulator.

Theory: A number of theoretical advances in extremum seeking are reported in the publications listed below.

- 1. Extensions from deterministic to stochastic extremum seeking in several papers and one book.
- 2. Extension of ES from single-agent optimization to non-cooperative games in which the payoff functions are unknown to the players. ES performs the optimization of the players' strategies with a guaranteed convergence to the Nash equilibrium strategies.
- 3. Extension from gradient-like to Newton-like optimization strategies.
- 4. Development of ES algorithms for batch-to-batch optimization of open-loop finite-horizon optimal control strategies (which has been applied to lasers and in charged particle accelerators).
- 5. Development of model-free feedback algorithms for stabilization of nonlinear systems using the application of ES with candidate control Lyapunov functions.

Dr. Krstic reports about 50 peer-reviewed publications resulting from the grant for the period of performance. See the file 'publications-afors.pdf' for more information.

Next we give recognitions earned by Martinez and Krstic during this period.

AWARDS AND HONORS (Dr. Martinez)

CAREER PROMOTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Full Professor, UC San Diego

2016 Senior Editor, IEEE Transactions on Control of Networked Systems

AWARDS TO STUDENTS

- 2011 *Minghui Zhu*, 2011 MAE Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year award, now an Assistant Professor at Penn State University
- 2013 Solmaz S. Kia, UC Presidential Fellowship recipient, now an Assistant Professor at UC Irvine
- Andres Cortes, 2015 MAE Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year award, now an Assistant Professor at Penn State University, now at EPRI

KEYNOTE LECTURES

- 2016 Keynote Speaker at the "Workshop on Control and Observability of Network Dynamics," Mathematical Biosciences Institute, Ohio State University, April 2016
- 2016 Keynote Speaker at the "1st So-Cal Robotics Symposium," Mathematical Biosciences Institute, Ohio State University, April 2016
- 2013 Keynote Speaker at the "1st Workshop on Wireless Intelligent Sensor Networks (WISeNet)," Duke University, 2013
- Plenary Speaker at the "3rd IFAC Workshop on Distributed Estimation and Control of Networked Systems" (NECSYS), Santa Barbara, 2012

AWARDS AND HONORS (Dr. Krstic)

CAREER RECOGNITIONS

- Foreign Member, Academy of Engineering of Serbia
- 2015 ASME DSCD Nyquist Lecture Prize
- Fellow of *SIAM* (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics)
- 2015 Associate Fellow of AIAA (American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics)
- Fellow of *ASME* (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
- Fellow of *IET* (Institution of Engineering and Technology, UK)

OTHER MAJOR RECOGNITIONS

- 2016 *Qian Ren* Professor, Northeastern University, China
- 2015 Invitation Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Honorary Professor, Dalian Maritime University, Donghua University, Chongqing University, Northeastern University, China
- 2013 Distinguished Visiting Fellow of the *Royal Academy of Engineering*, United Kingdom

BOOK PRIZE

2014 Harold Chestnut Textbook Prize, IFAC (International Federation for Automatic Control), triennial prize—the highest recognition for authoring a book in the field of control systems

AWARDS TO STUDENTS

- 2014 *Chancellor's Dissertation Medal* in Engineering (among 150 PhDs granted in 2013), UCSD, *Nikolaos Bekiaris-Liberis*
- 2014 *Best European Dissertation in Control* of Complex and Heterogeneous Systems, European Embedded Control Institute (EECI), *Delphine Bresch-Pietri*
- 2013 Best University-wide Dissertation Award, Paris-Tech (includes 12 most prestigious and oldest technical and business universities in the Paris region such as Ecole des

Mines, Ecole Polytechnique, ENSAE, etc.), Delphine Bresch-Pietri

KEYNOTE LECTURES

2015	ASME Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, Nyquist Lecture, Columbus, OH
2015	IFAC Workshop on Adv. Control and Navigation for Autonomous Aerospace Vehicles,
	Sevilla, Spain
2014	IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, Los Angeles
2013	Congreso Nacional de Control Automático, Mexico
2013	IFAC Workshop on Control of Systems Governed by Partial Diff. Equations, Paris
2013	IFAC Nonlinear Control Systems Symposium (NOLCOS), Toulouse, France
2013	IFAC Workshop on Adaptation and Learning in Control and Signal Proc., Caen, France
2013	IEEE Workshop on Open Problems and Challenges in Automotive Control, Washington DC
2012	IEEE Conference on Industrial Electronics and Applications, Singapore
2012	IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics and Automation, Chengdu, China

FELICITATION LECTURES

2016	Coron Fest, UPMC, Sorbonne Universités, Paris
2015	Praly Fest, Ecole des Mines, Paris
2012	Spong Fest, University of Texas, Dallas
2012	Sontag Fest, Rutgers University
2012	Bastin Fest, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Publication List related to award FA09550-12-1-0183 Sonia Martínez

Books

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Journal papers

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Conference proceedings

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